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Dear Parent / Carer

It has been disappointing for all of us that the national progress in returning to normal has been put on hold, it is especially saddening that we have had to postpone the Proms for our students in year 11 and the previous year's leavers.

The advent of the Delta variant means that we will halt further relaxations in the Covid measures on site, we will maintain the current "bubbles" through to the summer break.

The new variant is exhibiting different symptoms as described in this [video](#), *with a headache, sore throat and runny nose now the most commonly reported.*

Please can we ask that any students who have these new symptoms be kept at home until they recover and that they take a lateral flow Covid test to confirm whether they are Covid positive or negative.

The importance of regular testing to identify cases and prevent the further spread of covid is an essential part of the national effort to reduce the numbers of people affected and enable further unlocking of restrictions. Please continue to use this [form](#) to inform us of test results.

The guidance currently remains that students that have these symptoms below

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

should continue to [get a PCR test](#). If you're not sure, you can [find out which coronavirus test they should get](#).

They must self isolate if they test positive, not meet up with others and [follow the stay at home guidance](#).

Yours faithfully



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